Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* This bridge was constructed entirely at Government expense, and the benefits of the bridge accrue to many people outside the State who will have to use the toll. Our people are probably less affected. It is situated on the boundary of the State and the entire cost of construction was met by our Government. I think, when the bridge at Shoranur was first constructed at our cost, a toll was levied to recoup our cost.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Even for men?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. Even for men who had to walk. That is the report.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Does not the Government know that the brunt of the burden falls upon Cochinites ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* No, you cannot say so. It is on the entrance of the Cochin State and people outside will have to get into our State for trade purposes. It is they who have to pay tolls mostly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Should not our people go out and come back to our State? And have they not to pay and will not the majority of the people pay the toll?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* I may say our State has spent a large amount—about Rs. 50,000 and odd and we have a first class bridge and it is only fair that people who pass over the bridge bear some portion of that extra expenditure.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I could very well understand if the Government levies only from foreigners who come to the State, but not from our people.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government contemplate to make this a permanent toll-gate?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* That does not arise on a question of this nature. The question was with respect to the rates and the amount fetched and the supplementary question is with regard to the future policy in regard to this.

DR. JACOBI—QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF.

116. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chief Medical Officer or the Government has any official information from any Government or from any University as to the educational attainments of Dr. Hans Jacobi ;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the Civil Surgeon in charge of the Civil Hospital in British Cochin reported to the

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Government of Madras that Dr. Hans Jacobi has no registrable qualifications ;

(*c*) if the answer to sub-question (*b*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire of the Government of Madras or the Surgeon in charge of the Civil Hospital, British Cochin, and find out whether the so-called high qualifications of Dr. Hans Jacobi is only bogus ;

(*d*) the number of patients who died in the wards under the charge of Dr. Hans Jacobi from the date of his appointment till the end of Edavam 1114;

(*e*) the comparative figures of the people who died in the wards in charge of the other medical officers in the same hospital or hospitals in which Dr. Jacobi was working ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) Yes. The Chief Medical Officer has seen his M. D. Degree certificate.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to (*a*) Government do not think that an enquiry is necessary.

(*d*) 92.

(*e*) 87.

PETROL FUND CONTRIBUTION—SHARE OF CRANGANUR IN DISTRIBUTION OF.

117. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether any portion of the petrol fund contribution of the Government of India is allotted for use in the taluk of Cranganur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A road has been opened at a cost of Rs. 11,093—9—0 out of the petrol duty fund in Pullut which is in Cranganur taluk.

The embankment and bridge between Karupadanna and Pullut is another work constructed at a cost of Rs. 23,792—11—0 from the same fund. This connects the Cranganur Principality with the State.

SIGNBOARDS NEAR SCHOOLS.

118. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether signboards are not fixed by the P. W. D. warning vehicular traffic about the approach of schools and restricting speed limit, in all the important roads ;

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